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In General Smith's absence I want to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 7th with regard to your son-in-law, [redacted] who has been reported missing in action.

The Central Intelligence Agency is a civilian agency, and General Smith, as its Director, is not directly associated with the Military Establishment. I am therefore taking the liberty of sending your letter to the Department of the Army, with the request that they furnish you any information they may obtain with regard to your son-in-law.

I fully appreciate what a terrible shock this news must have been to you and your daughter, and I sincerely hope that [redacted] will eventually succeed in returning safely to his own lines.

Sincerely,

[redacted]  
Assistant to the Director

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